

Almighty and eternal God,
author of harmony and happiness,
whose love is seen in the marvels of the world
and shared in the mysteries of marriage;
we praise you for the special light of love
in which these, your servants
A ... and B ... now see each other.
Teach them in simple trust
to commit their lives to your care
as by ring and spoken word
they enter into this holy estate;
that your joy may be in them
and their joy may be full;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A L I T A N Y

for

M O T H E R I N G S U N D A Y

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Let us pray.

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

(short pause)

For our mothers and fathers who gave us life:
that we might live each day by their example,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

For the gift of marriage, security of home and comfort of family life:
that we may never find ourselves alone or feel unwanted,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

For the warmth of human love and joy of personal relationships:
that affection may be enriched by a compromising spirit and
respect for one another,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

For our motherland, our Queen and all in authority:
that those who rule and represent us seek first your kingdom,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

For our family in this place,
our congregation and community:
that we may bear each other's burdens, and thus obey the law of Christ,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

For Mary, the Mother of Jesus,
and all who share the dignity of motherhood:
that we may see in them a perfect understanding of your love,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

For all members of our families,
and others dear to us, now in your nearer presence:
that we may share with them the joys of your eternal home,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

(short pause)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

AMEN.

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The Scottish people have always been conservative in matters of worship, and two tendencies of the present time increase the suspicion with which the so-called innovations are regarded. One is the increasing drift towards England of various national institutions, and the other the steady increase of the Irish population of the country. One sympathises with dislike of the notion that the Church of Scotland might ever become, like so many of our banks, railways and business companies, a mere provincial branch with its headquarters in London. Also, while condemning their methods, one understands that those who nourish sectarian bitterness because of the economic and cultural effects of so large an alien immigration. It is difficult to persuade many that Romanism grows not by conversion but by importation, and that Protestant strength is to be shown not by terrified starting at shadows but by fearless continuance on the path of Reformed tradition and by such improvements of it, even though they may have the appearance of concessions, as shall conserve and consolidate its principles."

W W D Gardiner